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**Vision:** A Healthy Texas  
**Mission:** To improve health and well-being in Texas

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**Stay Safe This Hunting Season by Following Precautions**  
The start to hunting season in Texas has prompted DSHS to remind hunters to protect themselves from diseases that can spread from animals to humans.  
[News Release](#)

**Back-to-School Immunizations**  
Back-to-school season is here. Now is the time to make sure your kids are up to date on their vaccines. Visit [ImmunizeTexas.org](#) for more information or see the [Texas immunization requirements for students grades K-12](#).

**Ebola Outbreak in Africa**  
Ebola is a severe and often fatal illness. **At this time, Ebola does not pose a significant risk to the U.S.** It is currently spreading in four West African countries: Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. The outbreak, which began in March 2014, is the worst Ebola outbreak in history. [Read more about Ebola.](#)

**Savings Ideas Open for Public Voting**  
A list of money-saving ideas from health and human services employees is available for public vote. Our agencies are looking at the suggestions to see

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**Texas Women's Health Program**  
Family planning services and health screenings for low-income Texas women. [How to apply.](#)


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**Frequently Asked Questions** **Out of State Births and Death Records**

Texas Vital Statistics can provide records for births or deaths that have occurred in Texas from 1903 to the present. If you need a certificate for an out-of-state birth or death, visit the [National Center for Health Statistics](#) website.


Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions related to birth or death records.

*External links to other sites are intended to be informational and do not have the endorsement of the Texas Department of State Health Services. These sites may also not be accessible to people with disabilities.*


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**Certified Copy of a Birth Certificate**

The Texas Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics Unit does not publish searchable birth indexes on its website. Those interested in learning if a record is on file must request a birth or death verification in writing. For more information on record verification, go to the [Verification of a Birth or Death page](#).

For information about heirloom birth certificates, visit our [Heirloom Birth Certificates](#) page.

To obtain a birth certificate for Election Identification purposes, visit the [Birth Certificate for Election Identification](#) page.

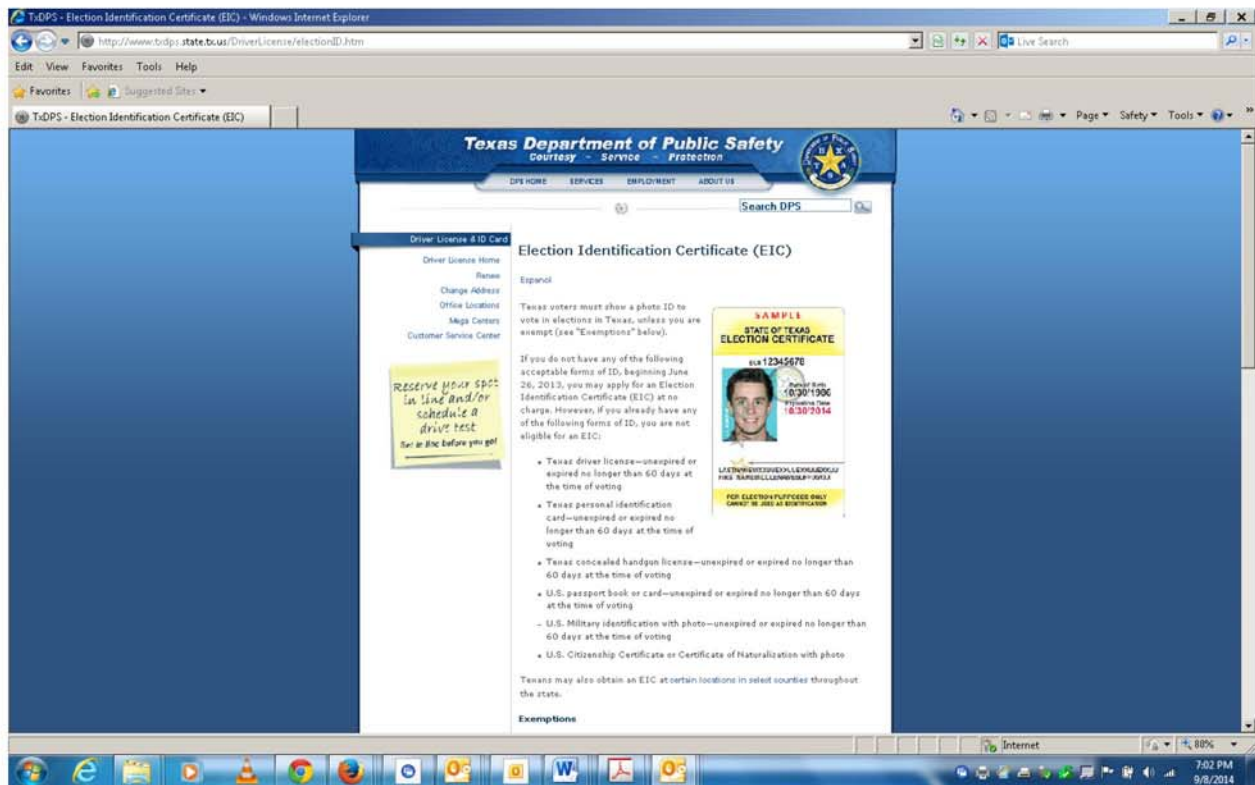
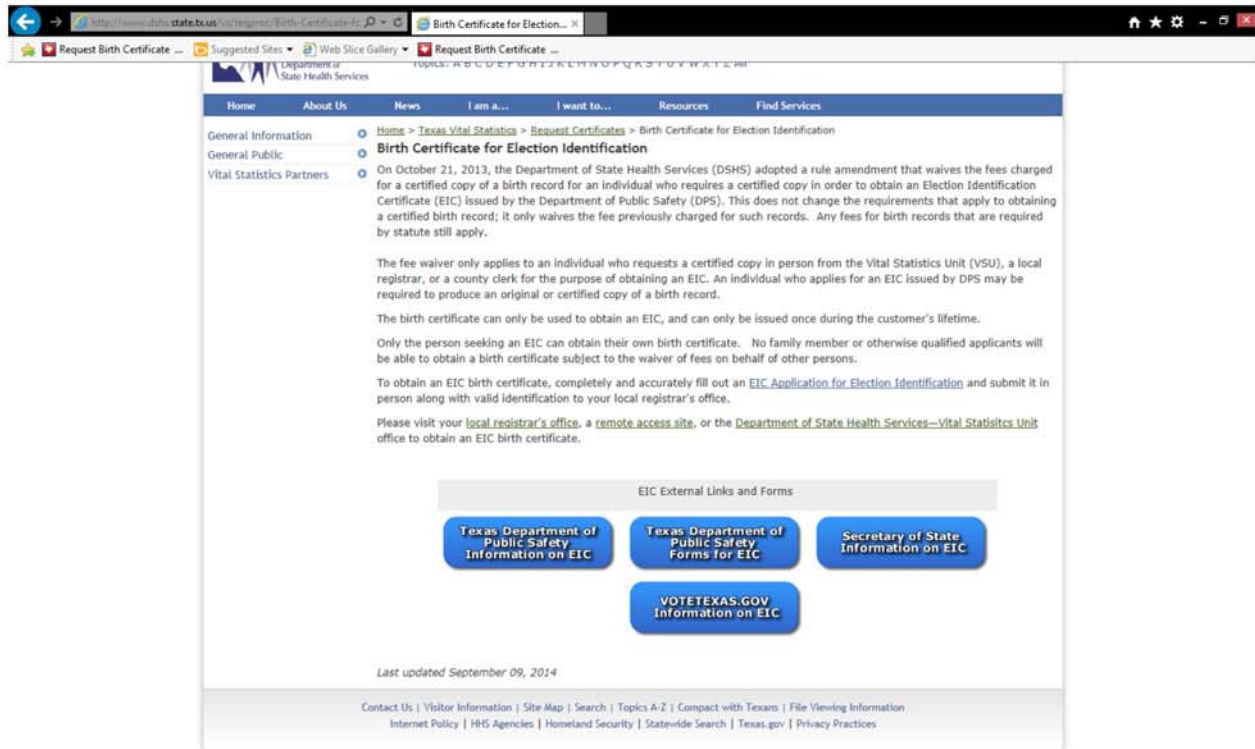
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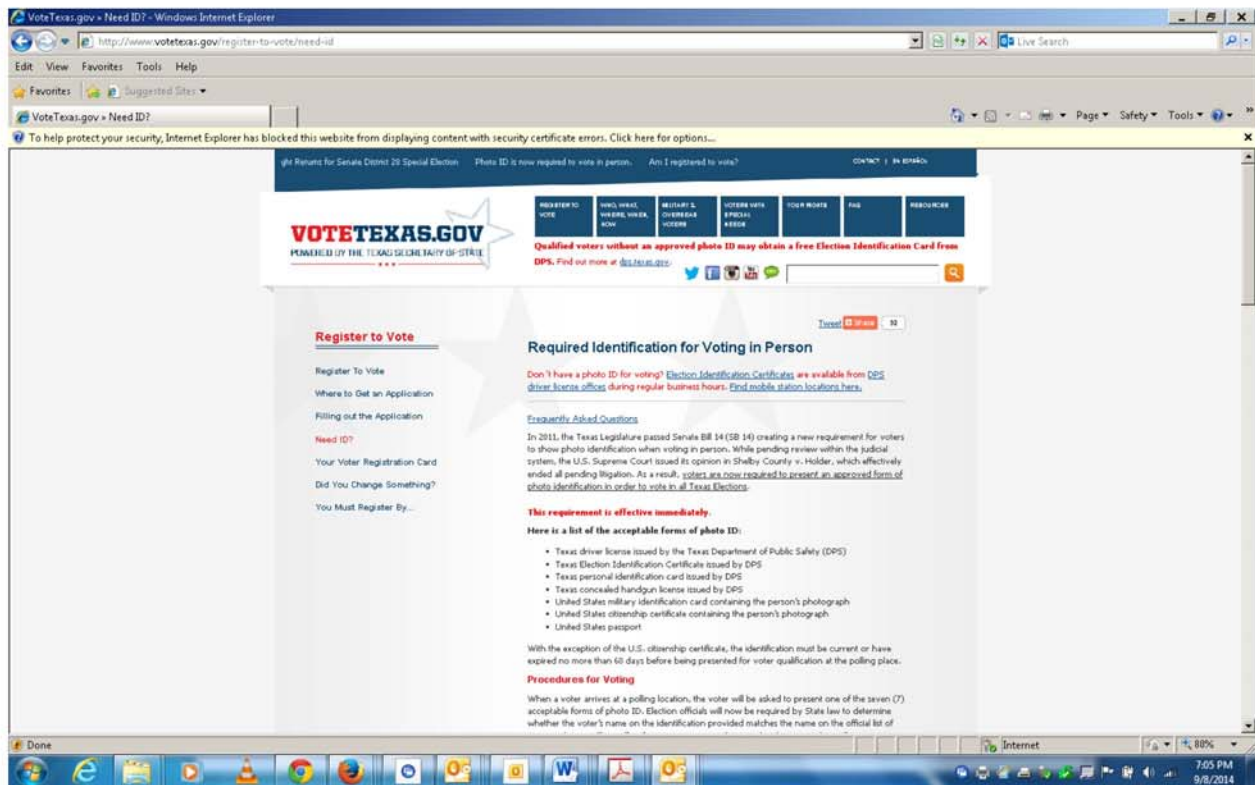
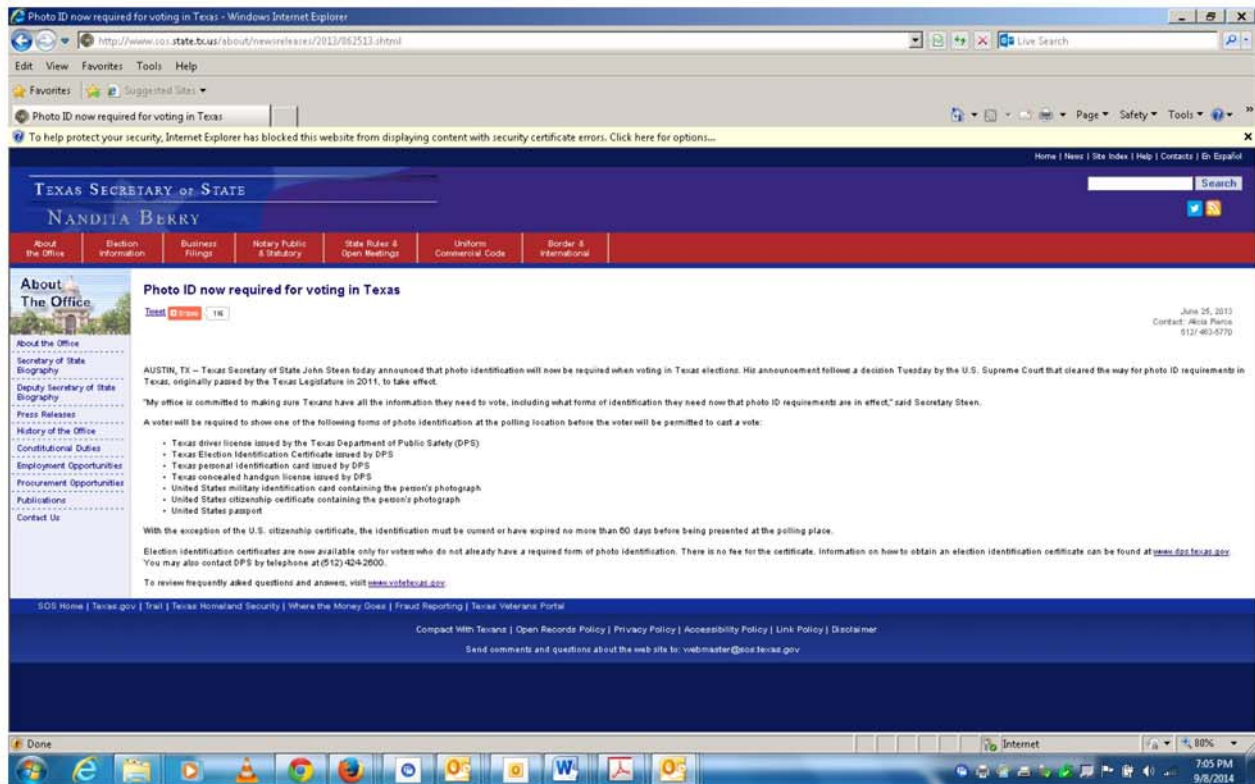
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<p>Requests for certified copies of a Marriage License should be directed to the County Clerk's Office in which the license was obtained (where it was purchased). Requests for certified copies of a Divorce Decree should be directed to the District Clerk's Office in which the divorce decree was filed.</p> <p><b>Please call the County or District Clerk's Office in which the event occurred, in order to obtain specific fee information and written request requirements.</b></p> <p>For a specific County or District Clerk address and telephone number, simply select the list of Counties:</p> <p>List of Counties:</p> <p>Select a Range of Counties Anderson through Austin</p> <p>Go</p>	<p>Requests for certified copies of Birth and Death Records may be directed to the Local Registration Office of the county in which the event occurred. Since all birth and death records are sent to the Local Registrar first and then sent to State Vital Statistics, you are encouraged to go to the Local Registrar for records of recent events (less than 6 months), especially if you need the birth or death certificate immediately. Each Local Registrar sets its own hours of operation, fees, and procedures for requests. Please call the Local Registrar's Office directly for this information.</p> <p>To find a specific Local Registrar's address and telephone number, simply select the first letter of the county where you hope to obtain the record.</p> <p>List of Counties:</p> <p>Select a Range of Counties Anderson - Austin</p> <p>Go</p>	<p>Government Offices designated as Remote Birth Access sites are linked to Department of State Health Services/Texas Vital Statistics birth database. This allows you to get a birth certificate from where you live, instead of being limited to the state office or the vital records office in the county where the birth took place.</p> <p>Each Remote Access Site sets its own hours of operation, fees, and procedures for requests. Please call the office you plan to visit directly for this information. To see if there is a Remote Birth Access site near you, click on the first letter of the County where you hope to obtain the record.</p> <p>List of Counties:</p> <p>Select a Range of Counties Anderson - Austin</p> <p>Go</p>

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### Texas Vital Statistics Contact Information

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[For a map and directions to the Texas Vital Statistics office, click here.](#) Our building is marked 'BVS' on the map.  
[To locate sites with remote access to state birth and death records, click here.](#)  
[To locate local registrars to get records that occurred in that county, click here.](#)

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